L. *An Account of the Caſe of a Boy, who had the Malleus of each Ear, and one of the Incus's, dropt out. Communicated by the Rev.* Philip Morant, *M. A. Rector of* St. Mary's *in* Colcheſter.

Read Nov. 19, 1761.

A Young lad, at Manningtree in Eſſex, "after about three or four weeks of a putrid, malignant, inflammatory fever, attended with a violent ſcarlet eruption on the ſkin, and ſwelling and ſoreneſs, and ſtuffage of the noſe, had the malleus of each ear, and one of the incus's, dropt out. Whether or no any of the reſt came away unobſerved, my friend cannot tell; but theſe were all he ſaw. Nor can he ſay, whether the membrane was deſtroyed, and diſcharged with the bones, or only ſo relaxed, as to give room for the bones to come without it; not having ſeen the bones, till after they were cleaned. But the conſequence is, his having almoſt abſolutely loſt his hearing; I ſay *almoſt*, becauſe, though he is quite deaf as to all common voices and ſounds, yet ſome violent and ſudden noiſes ſeem to affect him. But the organ of both ears ſeems to be ſo much deſtroyed, as to make it highly improbable, that he ſhould ever recover his hearing again. In all other reſpects, he is very well, and at preſent in good health. The coming away of thoſe bones ſeems the effect of an abſceſs, which affected the contents of the tympanum."

Another friend obſerves, that "his diſorder has been a malignant or ulcerous ſore throat, as he judges from

from the ſcarlet eruption; and the paſſage from the back of the fauces into the ear having lain open expoſed to its malign influence, an abſceſs has been formed in the tympanum, which has been deſtroyed; otherwiſe the bones could not come out at the other ear."

He had learned to read before this unhappy accident, and the people about him write down what they want to make him underſtand; at leaſt at preſent, till they have found out a readier method.

LI. *Obſervations concerning the Body of his late Majeſty*, October 26, 1760, *by* Frank Nicholls, *M. D. F. R. S. Phyſician to his late Majeſty.*

To the Right Honourable George *Earl of* Macclesfield, *Preſident of the Royal Society.*

My Lord,

Read Nov. 26, 1761. THE incloſed papers have been laid before the Lord Chamberlain, for his Majeſty's inſpection; and his Majeſty's anſwer was, That he ſaw no reaſon, why they may not be made public.

The burſting the ventricle of the heart is a caſe entirely unknown in phyſical writers; and muſt depend on many circumſtances, which rarely coincide.

I have uſed my beſt endeavours, to give a clear and ſatisfactory account of this very extraordinary affair; and I hope I have ſucceeded: but, if any